

# Castro Take-Over About To Reach Cigar Smokers

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT  
The nation's cigar smokers may not know it, but the Communist take-over in Cuba is finally about to wreak havoc with their Havanas.  
In the years before the U.S. government slapped an embargo on imports from Cuba, that island was a major source of supply of the aromatic weed. During the take-over, American companies built up sizeable reserves. And most cigar brands continue to go to market today with some of the preferred Cuban product blended into them, as before.  
The domestic manufacturers are now recognizing that Fidel Castro's regime may be around for years — and the embargo, too. And a government body estimates total U.S. stocks of Cuban tobacco are down to 21 million pounds.  
Actually, there's no danger of reduced total supplies of cigars, or of soaring prices. Some cigar tobacco is grown domestically—Connecticut leaf for the outside wrap, for example — and other Latin American lands produce it in quantity. But the consumer who likes the Cuban flavor and aroma soon will have to moderate his preference.  
BUSINESS-EDUCATION partners — There is a growing awareness in the once-disparate worlds of business and education that they have much in common. Financial aid for colleges, for instance, can help produce the type of leaders business needs to fill future executive positions.  
An illustration of the growing partnership came in the recent 75th commencement exercises of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., in which the college

awarded special citations as "partners in education" to several foundations and corporations.  
C.I.T. Financial Corp., which earlier this year signed an agreement with the college to build dormitories for 140 students, was among those honored. Under its Campus Homes Program, C.I.T. is arranging construction of the dormitories, will lease them to Salem for 12 years and then give title to the college without further cost or charge.

The United States Steel Foundation, which selected Salem for its College of the Year award of \$25,000, and the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Foundation, a substantial contributor to the college in the past, also were honored with citations.  
THINGS TO COME — Families wanting to fluoridate their water supply for dental health purposes, but living in towns where the public system isn't fluoridated, soon will be able to rent a household unit for the purpose. A Rochester, N.Y.

firm will lease the units through dealers... Snow may be far off, but by autumn some stores will be offering all-steel sleds; metal chill is reduced for the rider by a single non-steel element — a plastic coating bonded to the seat area... Undesirable weeds and foliage growing underwater in ponds or other waterways can be slashed away at depths ranging to 3½ feet with a weed-cutting device that can easily be mounted on an outboard-motor boat. Cost is \$188.  
MORE SCHOOL HELP —

Every accredited school of architecture in the United States now has taken advantage of a program of scholarships granted to architectural students by the Tile Council of America, trade association of lading domestic ceramic tile manufacturers.  
Eight additional schools were granted scholarships last week, boosting the total to 50 schools covered. The new scholarships were granted to: Auburn University, University of California, Columbia University, University of Houston, Illinois In-

stitute of Technology (Chicago), Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma and Yale University.  
It has taken seven years for the domestic ceramic tile industry to complete the full round of architectural scholarships. The first year, 1957, scholarships were granted to seven schools. The scholarship plan is believed to be the only such plan to be conducted by an industry-wide building materials group for architectural students. It gives the schools \$750 a year for three years,

with \$500 being used for a student scholarship or loan fund and \$250 being used to purchase teaching materials.  
GREEN GRASS, GREEN CASH — The continuing rapid growth of suburban living is spurring a boom in lawn care. One source figures American consumers — suburban and otherwise — will spend close to \$2 billion for various types of lawn care products this year. That includes seed, pesticides, fertilizer and ever-fancier tools with which to dispense and administer these products. One might even theorize that in suburban areas, where social competition

takes many forms, a good-looking lawn is becoming a "status symbol."  
BITS O' BUSINESS — The nickel cup of coffee is making a comeback, although it may be only temporary, in the nation's largest city. A large automatic chain in New York said it would try the price for a week on a test basis... A sharp decline in leather hide prices may mean good news for shoe manufacturers and shoppers in the near future... A bargain in a different field: watermelons, currently wholesaling for less than four cents a pound, down two cents from 1962 levels.

## Law in Action

Mary Jones liked to walk to the shopping center four blocks away except for crossing a six lane divided boulevard. She crossed where there were crosswalks, but no signals.  
One one of her trips she made her usual crossing, and made it to the center dividing strip. Just as she started to cross the remaining lanes, she saw an on-coming car heading toward her. Suddenly stepping back into the traffic behind her, she was hit by Sam Smith's car, though Sam tried hard to miss her.  
SHE SUED SAM for injuries. The law calls upon drivers, she said, to yield the right of way to anyone in a marked crosswalk.  
The law does not expect a driver to foresee a walker's sudden and unexpected movement; and so, Mary had no claim against Sam.  
There are times when the law expects you to anticipate erratic actions such as a young child or an elderly person might make. If an accident occurs under such circumstances liability may be imposed.  
Even if a driver is at fault, the injured person cannot hold him responsible unless he himself is free from "contributory negligence." The pedestrian's sudden change of direction may help to bring about his own injury. If so his "contributory negligence" will bar him from any damages.  
AS A RULE, a child under 6 cannot be contributorily negligent. If you should hurt him in an accident as a result of your negligence, his conduct cannot be used to relieve you of responsibility.  
Your violation of a child's right of way—as in a crosswalk—is usually enough to make you financially liable. Such violation of the law when it causes an accident, is usually "negligence per se," meaning negligence in and of itself, without need of proof of other negligent conduct.  
But strange as it may seem at first, failure to break the law may sometimes make you liable. Thus suppose someone stepped backwards or stumbled while crossing the street.  
YOU MAY have the legal duty to swerve and cross a double line to avoid the accident. Here, to be liable, a driver must have had a chance to avoid the accident or the injury. Thus, where a person running across a rainy street darted in front of a car so fast that the driver could not see him, the driver was not liable for the pedestrian's injuries.  
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